Minutes
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors Meeting
April 15, 2026

Call to Order

Supervisor Sup Chiabotti called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sup Chiabotti, Sup Jackie Monahan-Junek, Sup Carlson, Sup Brian Harrington Clerk Keely Drange, and Treasurer Mary Beth Monte were in attendance.

Unless otherwise noted, motions carried unanimously.

Agenda

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Carlson to approve the agenda for the April 15, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Minutes

Sup Carlson moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to approve the March 18, 2026 Board of Supervisors minutes. Motion carried.

Communications

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti to approve the communications list. Motion carried.

Citizens' concerns

None at this time

Reports

Clerk
Filing period opens at 8:00 AM May 19, 2026 and ends 5:00 PM on June 2, 2026 for federal and state seats.

Treasurer
Payroll Check numbers 12299-12315. $3,750.89.

Claim Numbers for December 5300-5310, 5312-5317 and check numbers 12297-12298 (claims from last month that cleared after the meeting) 12316-12329; 122333 for a total of $8,275.63.

The total for payroll and claims is $12,026.52.

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Carlson to approve the payroll and claims and treasurers report. Motion carried.

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek to transfer $25,000 into the fire fund, $15,000 into the roads fund, $10,000 into the building fund from general fund within the money market. This transfer was for budget year 2025. Motion carried.

Sup Chiabotti moved, seconded by Sup Monahan-Junek to send a bill to the Turner-Ryan estate to cover taxes $169 due in 2026 for a cabin that was present in 2025. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds
Nothing at this time.

Sup Chiabotti will look into hiring a contractor to clean once a month.

The board will review the rental policy at next month's meeting.

Fire: No report this month.

Roads:
Aaron Nickolson has expressed interest in grading roads and is seeking to send us a bid.

Sup Carlson will compare bids from both Jeff Schulze and Aaron Nickolson for grading and gravel work.

Road upgrades and paving may not be possible due to roads specs and not enough use to warrant the cost for these improvements.

Land:
Sup Monahan-Junek has reviewed all Parkland files. Sup Monahan-Junek will contact Couri and Ruppe to gather information regarding options and will assess the cost of accepting the rest of Parkland parcels.

There is a May 14 variance hearing for 1539 Bearhead State Park Road. It appears that this is from another variance request that was previously submitted and now has adjustments made.

The City of Tower has an ad hoc group that looks at trail issues. Sup Monahan-Junek or Sup Harrington will attend the trail group meeting. Whomever attends the meeting will let the trails group know that they are an Eagles Nest Supervisor.

Sup Carlson says there is a beaver issue on Armstrong and the lake level has become high. There is a trapper who is trapping the beavers in the area but they are not taking out dams. There have been many issues with beavers in the area, but there isn't any one agency or entity that will take care of them until there is catastrophic damage.

Website and Broadband:

Nothing at this time

Emergency Preparedness
The radio grant has been closed out and the $40,000 will be coming within 30 days.

Water
Nothing at this time.

Outreach and Networking
Sup Monahan-Junek is asking if the board would be ok with her using her supervisor title when testifying at the legislature on bills the township is supporting. The board agreed it would be acceptable for her to attend as a supervisor of the township.

Sup Chiabotti will attend upcoming MAT training in Grand Rapids.

Finance
At the May meeting we will discuss Option B on the November ballot for appointing a clerk and appointing a treasurer.

Old Business

New Business

Mesabi Trail Kiosk Updates-
Sup Monahan-Junek's recommendation for the updated trail map is to show potable water at Eagles Nest and that no overnight parking is allowed here.

Ice Rescue Gear Quote
This Ice rescue gear was approved for the 2027 Budget instead of this year. The supervisors have asked why this needs to be approved before 2027. It is important gear that is needed, but equipment should be prioritized. The yearly request process and budget should be followed when possible.

Sup Harrington moved, seconded by Sup Chiabotti the approval to purchase the ice rescue gear. In the amount of $3,280 plus shipping. Sup Harrington aye. Sup Chiabotti, Sup Monahan-Junek, Sup Carlson nay. Motion failed.

Tower Ambulance Commission Sup Monahan-Junek would like to attend meetings and have a backup who could go if she can't make it.

Supervisor concerns
A topic at the MAT meetings Sup Harrington attended, was about how passwords to township accounts should be shared with all staff and supervisors. Clerk Drange will print out passwords to accounts and put them in the file room after today's meeting.

Adjournment
Sup Carlson moved, seconded by Sup Harrington to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Keely Drange, Clerk